

MINUTES
KILLEEN ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
101 NORTH COLLEGE STREET
DECEMBER 13, 2013
12:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Leathers called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Attending: Commission members: Alfonzo Leathers, Alan Badger, Mike Bartoszek, Rachel Brent, Tony Cleaver, Tony Cooper, Ralph Cossey, Jr., Bette Gilmore, Jennifer Hetzel, Catherine Mason and Jonathan Packer

City Staff: Martie Simpson - Executive Director of Finance, Dianne Morrow – Secretary, Rachel Jones - Accounting Specialist and Traci Briggs - Deputy City Attorney

3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING FOR DECEMBER 13, 2013

Commissioner Packer moved to approve the agenda as listed, seconded by Commissioner Gilmore. The motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2013 REGULAR MEETING.

Commissioner Packer moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bartoszek. The motion passed unanimously.

5. REVIEW ARTS COMMISSION ATTENDANCE RECORD

The Attendance Record was reviewed.

6. CITIZENS PETITION OR INFORMATION

A. Discuss any Arts Commission funded events attended by Arts Commissioners:

Commissioners attended the following:

- La Case de Puerto Rico's The Musical of Christmas
 - Vive Les Arts – Greater Tuna
- Commissioner Cossey expressed his frustration trying to get his "will call" ticket to attend the VLA play and therefore did not attend. Commissioner Packer volunteered to follow-up with VLA.

7. NOTIFICATION FROM GRUPO FOLKLORICO ESTRELLAS DE PANAMA DECLINING THEIR FY 13-14 ARTS GRANT

Grupo Folklorico Estrellas de Panama submitted written notification declining their arts grant for FY 13-14. Chairperson Leathers explained that the \$2,900 awarded to them could not be reallocated. Ms. Simpson, Executive Director of Finance, further explained that Texas state law mandates how and where hotel/motel occupancy tax monies are used and that if any of the \$207,750 allocated for Arts Grants is not used it goes back into the city's hotel/motel occupancy tax fund.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ARTESANIA Y CULTURA HISPANA'S FINAL EVALUATION FOR FY 12-13

Ms. Reyna Martinez was present to represent Artesania y Cultura Hispana. Commissioner Packer moved to approve their Final Evaluation, seconded by Commissioner Brent. The motion passed unanimously.

9. PRESENT APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE TO ARTESANIA Y CULTURA HISPANA FOR FY 12-13

Chairperson Leathers presented Artesania y Cultura Hispana with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their dedication to promoting the arts in the City of Killeen.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER KILLEEN LULAC COUNCIL 4535 FOUNDATION'S FINAL EVALUATION FOR FY 12-13

Mr. Raul Villaronga was present to represent Killeen LULAC Council 4535 Foundation. Commissioner Packer moved to approve their Final Evaluation, seconded by Commissioner Bartoszek. The motion passed unanimously.

11. PRESENT APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE TO KILLEEN LULAC COUNCIL 4535 FOUNDATION'S FOR FY 12-13

Chairperson Leathers presented Killeen LULAC Council 4535 Foundation with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their dedication to promoting the arts in the City of Killeen.

12. UPDATE FROM KILLEEN ARTS COMMISSION RULES & REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairperson Leathers apologized to those present that the sub-committee's discussion on permanent public art has been placed on hold, explaining that it would be beneficial for the new commissioners to go through one arts grant cycle before looking at any changes. He suggested a workshop in May or June, after the grant cycle, to talk about permanent public art and other Arts Commission suggestions. Commissioners Cooper, Brent and Packer disagreed with waiting so long and would like to see it happen as soon as possible. Commissioner Packer, who is a sub-committee member, stated that the sub-committee started talking about permanent public art about one and a half years ago and believes it should be addressed now, rather than later.

Commissioner Cooper asked if the commissioners could submit their ideas to the chairperson to which Chairperson Leathers stated that city staff would send out a worksheet for them to submit their ideas. Commissioner Cossey would like to know what the sub-committee is doing and what are the barriers and blockers. Chairperson Leathers explained the workshop would be to discuss suggestions from the commissioners and decide what to take forward for the sub-committee to work on. Commissioner Packer asked for his options on respectfully disagreeing with Chairperson Leathers on holding off on the sub-committee meeting and preceding workshop. Ms. Briggs, Deputy City Attorney, said because it is not an agenda item for any action a motion cannot be made to disapprove what he is saying. Commissioner Packer explained that at the last sub-committee meeting there was a consensus to follow up that meeting with action and that has now been interrupted. Ms. Briggs explained that if Commissioner Packer wanted to take something forward it would have to be in front of the whole commission as an agenda item for approval. Ms. Briggs further explained that from a staff perspective what she reviewed from the sub-committee brought up lots of procedural questions and wouldn't fit into the grant cycle before March as it must first go to a council workshop followed the next week by a regular council agenda and the timing is about three weeks ahead of that, if the item is complete. Commissioner Gilmore, a sub-committee member, understood that the sub-committee meeting was put on hold by the city due to legal research, which was affirmed by Chairperson Leathers and the main reason to pull back on the permanent public art aspect.

Ms. Simpson, Executive Director of Finance, explained that for the March grant cycle it is late at this point in time to address changing the Rules and Regulations to include a fourth category for funding permanent public art, noting that many years ago there were two funding cycles, which we could look into that option again, if needed.

After much discussion, Chairperson Leathers agreed with the consensus of holding a workshop sooner than later. Commissioner Brent suggested holding the workshop the morning of the next regular meeting on January 10, 2014. Chairperson Leathers tasked city staff with notifying commissioners of the time for that workshop. Commissioner Cossey asked for clarification on what is the function of the sub-committee and if the Arts Commission has authority over the sub-committee or vice-a-versa. Chairperson Leathers explained that the Arts Commission gives direction to the sub-committee and that is why the workshop will help the sub-committee move forward.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2014 @ 12:15 pm in Council Chambers.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Alfonzo Leathers, Chairperson

Dianne Morrow, Secretary